

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,     ) Application No. NG-0013  
on its own motion, to evaluate     )  
and establish, on a quarterly     )  
basis, an assessment for juris-     ) PROGRESSION ORDER NO. 2  
dictional utilities pursuant to     )  
the State Natural Gas Regulation     )  
Act.     ) Entered: January 13, 2004

BY THE COMMISSION:

Pursuant to the State Natural Gas Regulation Act (Act), Neb. Rev. Stat. section 66-1841, the Commission must assess its expenditures for each quarter-year against all jurisdictional utilities, subject to certain adjustments. The Act provides that the Commission shall determine its expenditures for the given quarter within 15 days after such quarter. This order addresses the assessment for expenses during the second quarter of fiscal year 2003, October through December.

Actual Second-Quarter Expenses

Actual second-quarter expenses, adjusted for docket-specific special assessments pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1840, were \$31,525.52.

Fund Balance and Seed Money

The current balance of the State Natural Gas Regulation Fund (Fund) is \$150,688.61. This balance includes \$50,000 that the Commission collected during the last assessment period, in anticipation of repayment of seed money appropriated by the Legislature. To date, the Commission has received \$77,000 of the \$100,000 in seed money that the Legislature has appropriated for the Commission to carry out its duties under the Act. The entire \$100,000 must be repaid by June 30, 2004, pursuant to the Act.

Based upon actual second-quarter expenses and anticipated increases in expenses for the third quarter, the balance is sufficient to pay all expenses and to maintain a cash flow until the next assessment evaluation and collection.

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Therefore, the Commission finds that a quarterly assessment addressing the period October through December of 2003 is not

required. The Commission will evaluate the assessment again at the close of the third quarter of the State's fiscal year.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that no new quarterly assessment is established for expenses incurred during the period October to December 2003.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 13th day of January, 2004.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director